

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP  
Committees Meeting Agenda  
May 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Parks and Recreation Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenutti, Commissioner Nicholas O. Scull and Commissioner Benjamin W. Olszewski; Township Staff Member: Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Presentations**

- A. Woodlawn Park Development Meeting with Sarah Leeper from Simone Collins Landscape Architecture

**IV. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only**

**V. Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2024 (attachment)**

**VI. Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports (attachments):**

- A. Parks and Recreation Report
- B. Library Board of Trustees Report

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

- A. DCED Grant Application – Big Stage Events for \$157,000

**IX. Other Items**

**X. Commissioner Comments**

**XI. Adjournment**

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April 21, 2025 - Meeting Minutes**

**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Parks and Recreation Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenutti, Commissioner Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Benjamin Olszewski, Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenutti.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Benvenutti, Commissioners Scull and Olszewski. Mrs. Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation. Also present: Patrick Stasio, Township Manager, and Briana Bryant, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcements:**
  - A. **Woodlawn Park Development Meeting** - Monday, May 12, 2025 with Sarah Leeper from Simone Collins Landscape Architecture:  
The Committee encouraged the public to attend a discussion about the updated design concept, in the Township's Council Room at 7 p.m. An invitation letter was sent to neighbors of the park.
- IV. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** – Nothing to report.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2025:**  
The Committee unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.
- VI. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports** – Mrs. Kollar reviewed the following:
    - A Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) application was submitted for a non-motorized trail grant for the PECO Powerline Trail project.
    - Attended sessions in a series of grant workshops;
    - Held a new-hire orientation for park attendants; developed staff manuals, and will conduct on-site trainings for attendants;
    - Awaiting a draft MOU from SEPTA on the Veterans Memorial Park project;
    - Mark B. Thompson Associates to begin drafting plans for the Farmstead Park Spring House restoration;
    - Seeking committees to assist with event planning for the Semiquincentennial in July 2026;
    - The maintenance crew responds within 24 hours to assignments.
    - Completed storage shed renovations at Masons Mill Park to securely store equipment.
    - Shade Tree Committee developed a Shade Tree Collaboration, held an event at Abington Library on March 25<sup>th</sup> with neighboring municipalities and discussed shade tree issues.
    - The Environmental Advisory Council will hold the Earth Day event, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Masons Mill Park, 10 am to 1 pm.
    - Habitat Heroes to be held April 26<sup>th</sup> at Peliggi Park will highlight Bird Town USA, and an Eagle Scout constructing Bluebird houses for families to decorate. The maintenance crew will install the houses at various parks.
    - Summer Camp registration opened Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and many camps were filled by 9:05 a.m. Staff are working on waitlists to accommodate families.
    - A photo of Commissioner Scull with Alan Sentman, who received the 2025 Community Champion Award at the Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society Conference, is contained in the monthly report. Congratulations to Mr. Sentman!

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- Painting of basketball courts with colors at Fair Oaks Park is being coordinated with Horsham Township.
- B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Anthony Giannetti, Secretary and Board Development Committee Chair, reviewed the following items:
  - During 2024, patrons of the Library saved over \$2.2 million in lending fees. Approximately 38,000 visits represented patrons that attended educational programs; 203,000 patrons borrowed books; 208 hours of service; and the budget allowed for an increase in operating hours. Explained that e-lending is expensive, but is a unique tool that the Library will continue to fund and represent patrons using ebooks. Thanked the Commissioners for their support.
  - Commissioner Scull asked about ebooks from Kindle. Cathy Gilmore, Executive Director, explained that book vendors refuse to allow libraries the same ebooks agreement that are given to consumers. Shared that Amazon has updated policies where items can potentially be removed from a customer's purchased downloads. Publishers will not sell the library one copy to be loaned out multiple times.

VII. **Old Business** – Nothing to report.

VIII. **New Business** – Nothing to report.

IX. **Other Parks and Recreation Items** – Nothing to report.

X. **Visitor Comments** – Nothing to report.

XI. **Commissioner Comments** – Nothing to report.

XII. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

To: Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners  
From: Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director  
RE: April 2025 Park and Recreation Report  
Date: 5/7/25



The Department of Parks and Recreation consists of four full-time administrative staff and six full-time maintenance workers, as well as dozens of part-time instructors, seasonal employees. The Parks Division is responsible for 19 parks and opens space areas, as well as the Township and Library Building grounds, trail-ways, and other open space areas located within Upper Moreland Township.

Our Recreation Division provides recreational programming and special events to people of all ages and abilities. UMPR often collaborates with community groups to identify trends and meet community needs. We strive to offer organized programs that are affordable, safe, educational, and enjoyable. This monthly report is a flavor of some of the activities of our department over the past month.

- I held several interviews and followed the re-hiring procedure for seasonal employees / returners.
- Collaborated with community organizations regarding their events and how UMPR can offer support
- Met with / Spoke with residents regarding parks concerns
- Worked closely with UMTSD to offer field space / maintenance for baseball and softball teams
- Collaborated with Keystone Softball to offer Men's/Coed leagues at Masons Mill
- Collaborated with Abington Area Women's Softball to combine for a Friday night Masons Mill League
- Coordinated Park Clean ups with several organizations
- Coordinated an Eagle Scout Project to benefit UMPR, UM EAC and combine efforts
- Tracked progress on Parks Projects and grant information
- Held a site meeting and discussed pollinator garden and tree plantings with UM EAC

#### **Departmental Projects:**

1. **Woodlawn Park** – Scheduled a public presentation for 5/12 and notified neighbors of Woodlawn
2. **PECO Power Line Trail** – No update
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park (SEPTA)** – No update
4. **Farmstead Spring House Restoration** – Signed initial contract with MBT Associates and held a meeting to discuss timeline, budget and project management
5. **Bonnet Lane** – Bowman is obtaining permits / agreements with PECO, Comcast and Verizon, this project is progressing and should be completed by summer

#### **KK Committees / Meetings:**

1. **Shade Tree** – no meeting
2. **PRAC** – no meeting
3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – Planning meeting on 4/9
4. **PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee** – met on 4/17

5. Farmstead Alliance – met on 4/23
6. Semiquincentennial Celebration - 2026 – early planning stages

**Seasonal Employees:**

1. Park Attendants - All Positions are filled at this time
2. Seasonal Maintenance – All Positions are filled at this time
3. Summer Program Staff – All Positions are filled at this time

**Parks Maintenance (Joe Reilly, Parks Foreman):**

Our team keeps our facilities safe and enjoyable. We inspect basins, monitor storm water activities and clear waterways before / after rains. Our Maintenance Crew is heavily involved in our parks projects and respond quickly to assignments.

In addition to spring vegetation maintenance, mowing, weed control, program preparation, sports field maintenance, general park preparation, limb/tree trimming and trash pickup and vehicle maintenance/cleaning, our Maintenance team responds to resident concerns. Notable events for the Parks & Recreation Maintenance team for April include:

- Masons Mill Park – aerator fountain maintenance; planted 14 new trees, site preparation for events
- Pileggi Park – met with new alarm company for quote
- Terwood – met with tree company for removal of several dead ash trees; received a quote
- Farmstead Park – Tended to the new plantings per maintenance plan
- Veterans Park – regular maintenance, especially in the armed forces plaza and rain garden, we replaced flags
- Buehler Park - rotated vehicles for maintenance inspection so that we are ready for Spring; new dump bed was replaced, picked up the new mower trailer

**April concerns listed below:**

4/7/2025	Lori Lane / Surrey Lane property - there is a tree on the property edge leaning on another tree, there is also an uprooted tree	4/8 - JR checked the site. The tree is not on our property
4/11/2025	302 Forest Ave Willow Grove PA- Ted , resident of house, came in to say when the men were mowing at woodlawn a piece of debris went through his fence and there is a hole now.	4/14 - JR met with resident, purchased replacement panel and will install today
4/14/2025	Whitehall - Basketball Nets Replaced please	4/15 - UMPR Team repainted basketball standards / backboards and installed new nets
4/21/2025	Woodlawn - Park bench has profanity	4/22 - UMPR Team replaced boards with profanity on them

4/22/2025	Cherry Street - The top " step" is loose and needs to be fixed	4/24 – fixed step
4/22/2025	NWG - tree that has branches in the wires	Notified Peco
4/24/2025	Branch fell from Pioneer Woods into her property in the back	4/25- UMPR team cleared branch
4/29/2025	Branches near picnic area that need cleared	4/30/2025- UMPR Team trimmed trees on 4/30

**Special Events (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):**

1. EAC Earth Day/Arbor Day – April 26 at Masons Mill – Join the EAC and other participating groups to learn about rain gardens, native plants, trees and more! The Shade Tree Committee will be in attendance as well with information and a craft for families.
2. Supporting UM EAC in their May Tree Talk Event
3. Organized the Bird Box Building Event with an Eagle Scout on April 27<sup>th</sup>
4. Kickstarting the Reforester season that combines UMPR / PERT / Community Volunteer
5. Habitat Heroes Events -Pileggi Park, Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, Topic: Bird Town and Bluebird Habitats

**Recreation (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator) :**

1. **Trips and Tickets:** Penn Cinema and Regal Movie ticket sales have been steady
2. **Golden Age Club (200 members to date for 2025):** Held the 2025 Spring Thaw Event at Maggio's on 4/22/25. Coordinated additional trips for 2025 and entered them into the system and began advertising to take registrations.
3. **Spring Programs** – Programs began the week of 4/14. We have a variety of preschool sports, school aged sports and after school activities, as well as teen babysitting and adult offerings. Charcuterie workshop on 4/2 was a smashing success.
4. **Summer Programs** – Continued to accept summer registrations as space allows. Completed the interviewing / hiring process for summer employees. Coordinated logistics for supervised playground program and negotiated contracts.

UMPR had over 650 participants in recreation programs in April. 532 Residents / 154 Non Residents.



Charcuterie Class

UMHA historic sign





## Little Tykes

### Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10am

Join us for fun books, rhymes and songs.

Geared to ages 1 to 4; siblings are welcome.

### Baby Story Time

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10am

Come for stories, rhymes, songs and fun

movement. For newborns to 18 months; siblings are welcome.

### Pre-K Take and Learn Kits

Available starting Saturday, May 1

Each kit has a different educational theme, featuring learning activities, outdoor activities and crafts.

## School-Age Kids

### Star Wars Crafts

Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4

Come celebrate Star Wars at the library with inter-galactic crafts and activities! (while supplies last)



### Young Artists: Yarn Bird

Available Starting Monday, May 5

Artists Take and Makes are available the first Monday of every month. (while supplies last)

### Reading with Fuzzy Friends

Saturday, May 10, 10:30–11:30am

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend. Register at: [uppermorelandlibrary.org/register](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/register)

### Elementary Experimenters: Super Slime

Available starting Thursday, May 15

STEM Take and Makes for school-age children (while supplies last).

## Book Club for Grades 1-3 & 4-7

Sunday, May 25, 1:30pm

Discuss your favorite books and pick future books to read together.

## Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, May 24, 10:30am

Join us for a fun story and craft. Geared to ages 4-10, but all ages are welcome.

## Craft Night: Yarn Painting

Wednesday, May 21, 6pm

Create a unique "painting" using colorful yarn.

## Lego Club

Fridays, May 2, 16, and 30, 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for fun projects with LEGO bricks.

## Teens



### Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, 4pm

Test your chess skills against new opponents, and meet fellow chess enthusiasts.

### Teen Writers Club

Every fourth Wednesday, May 28, 3:30pm

Come talk about your creative projects with the library's resident published author! Register at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/event](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/event)

### Teen Volunteer Meeting

Every fourth Thursday, May 22, 3:30pm

Come get your volunteer hours at the library. Meets once a month, check our calendar for future dates.

### Teen Game Night: Poetry for Neanderthals

Thursday, May 29, 6:30pm

Learn to play this hilarious party game! Register at: [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)



# Library Happenings

# MAY 2025

Closed Monday, May 26



## For Adults

State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

Monday, May 12, 10:30am-12:30pm

Stop by for notary service, PennDOT support, or assistance with other state-related issues.

### Community Plant and Seed Swap

May 2-4th

Drop off your plants & seeds and swap for new to you plants in the library's Community Room!

### Adult Craft Kits: Daisy Crochet Kits

Available Monday, May 5

Pick up a free craft supply kit at the library (while supplies last).

### Cook Your Way Through: Anything Ina!

Tuesday, May 6, 6:30pm

Recreate any Ina Garten recipe and join us on Zoom to discuss! Registration required.

### Playing Card Crafternoon

Wednesday, May 7, 3pm

Try out some fun crafts made of playing cards! Registration recommended.

### Senior Social Hour

Friday, May 9, 3pm

Seniors are invited to gather for conversation, story sharing and games.

### AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) Club

Sunday, May 18, 2pm

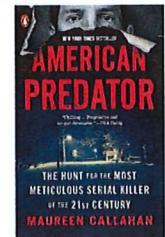
Are you an Adult Fan of Lego? Join us and fellow fans to build some fun Lego sets.

### True Crime Tales: American Predator

by Maureen Callahan

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30pm

Join us for a discussion of true crime and adjacent books on Zoom.



### Tech Help Drop-In Hour

Tuesday, May 13, 2pm

Drop by with your tech questions to talk with our librarian.

### Writers Group

Saturday, May 24, 11am

Drop in to join amateur and experienced writers for discussion, writing prompts and critiques. Open to all adults.

### Book Discussion: "Banyan Moon"

by Thao Thai

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30pm

Join us on Zoom. Sign up at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)



### Virtual Author Talk Series

Register: [libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary](http://libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary)

**Dr. David Rosmarin** – Join our conversation with the author about his book, Wednesday, May 7, 2pm

**Liann Zhang** – Learn about her debut thriller, "Julie Chan is Dead" Wednesday, May 14, 7pm

**Rachelle Bergstein** – Rachelle chats about her newest book The Genius of Judy. Wednesday, May 21, 2pm



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LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 AM – 8 PM; Friday & Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM; Sunday: 1 – 5 PM

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## Agenda Summary

### Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – May 12, 2025

**Agenda Item:** **DCED Grant Application – Big Stage Events for \$157,000**

**Prepared by:** Kate Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Attachments:** N/A

**Background/Analysis:** The Board President appointed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council to serve as the committee to lead the Township's celebration of America's Semiquincentennial.

The Director of Parks and Recreation, parks and recreation staff, the PRAC, and community volunteers are currently working on celebration plans for the summer of 2026.

The Board President asked the committee to plan celebration events, costs, funding sources, venues, and other information. Specifically, the Board President asked the committee to develop a cost projection for 2026 budgetary discussions.

While final celebration plans have not been created as yet, this grant opportunity presented itself. The application deadline is June 30, 2025.

**Fiscal Impact/Sources:** There is no match for the grant.

**Alternatives:** N/A

**Recommend Action:** Recommend the committee move forward for full Board of Commissioner consideration at the June 2, 2025 meeting.

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